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## Renowned Pianist Coming to Ho'ton

### Oscar Ziegler to be Present for Recital Tonight

On Friday evening, December 4, Houghton College is to be specially favored with a piano recital by the internationally famous pianist, Oscar Ziegler.

Oscar Ziegler is a native of Switzerland. He studied with Bernhard Stavenhagen, one of the most outstanding disciples of Liszt, Waldemar Lutschg, Rudolph Ganz, and Ferruccio Busoni.

His first important public appearance was at the age of fourteen, when he played a concerto for piano and orchestra by Reinecke in Berne, Switzerland. Soon afterwards he played as soloist in Geneva being chosen as the outstanding pianist in Stavenhagen's Virtuoso class.

At the age of eighteen Ziegler conducted in Geneva, appearing in this capacity in other Swiss cities. For several seasons he held the virtuoso class at the Conservatory of Music in Berne, at the same time playing in numerous European cities with outstanding success.

The success Mr. Ziegler made in New York induced the Committee of the Salzburg Festivals to invite him as the only pianist to give a recital at both the 1927 and the 1928 festivals. Engagements of this kind may be considered a climax in anyone's career, as only world famous artists, such as Richard Strauss, Bruno Walter and Max Reinhard, take part in such activities.

The leading critics of the world have been very kind to Mr. Ziegler in the comments on his artistry.

"A monumental pianist, a master builder."—*New York Times*.

"This pianistic priest... his manner of playing, absolutely different from the way it is usually taught at Academies, has sparkling spirit, drastic quick changes."

—*Salzburger Volksblatt*

"A master of rich contrasts and of clear cut style, a master of coloring and of inspiration, a master of form and interpretation."

—*Neues Wiener Talblatt*

"Ziegler plays the exceeding culture, extraordinary subtlety, with 'gusto' one would have called it in Mozart's time. That he is a pianist of great importance need hardly be mentioned of a Soloist of the Salzburg Festival."—*Salzburger Chronik*

"What other pianist enrolled with a New York Manager would show the skill of Ziegler."

—*Christian Science Monitor*

"A fine, intellectual artist, with an exceptional gift for interpretation and expression. His technique is, of course, eminent, his touch of rare quality."—*Neue Freie Presse, Vienna*

"An extraordinary pianist."

—*Breissgauer Zeitung*

No music lover in this vicinity will want to miss the opportunity to hear this great master. Mr. Ziegler is presenting the following very interesting program Friday night:

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## Class Basketball Teams Matched

The class basketball series that has been progressing the past few weeks has been the most fascinating and spectacular ever witnessed in Houghton. The fact that the teams have been so evenly matched, has brought large crowds to witness the games, especially the ones played at night.

As the series progresses, of course the process of elimination takes place, which simply means that there is only a "survival of the fittest."

At present the quintets favored to win are the Senior women and the Junior men. However, the dope has been upset more than once.

If the Sophs beat the Seniors and the Frosh are victors of the Juniors there will be a triple tie in the men's series, which should arouse much enthusiasm and class spirit among the students.

The final contest of the women's series will probably be a clash between the Juniors and Seniors who have won two games each and have been undefeated thus far.

Results of games played during the past two-weeks:

### WOMEN

Juniors defeat Frosh 8—7  
Seniors defeat Frosh 28—9  
Frosh defeat High School 20—8  
Seniors defeat Sophs 13—8

### MEN

Frosh defeat Seniors 30—25  
Frosh defeat High School 56—23  
Seniors defeat High School 58—14  
Juniors defeat Sophs 36—27.

## Der Rheinverein Presents Illustrated Lecture

The German Club "Der Rheinverein" presented Charles Zoller with an illustrated lecture on Germany and Switzerland Monday evening at 6:30.

Mr. Zoller's slides were beautifully colored, abounding in scenes of parks, buildings, etc. from the principal cities of Germany and Switzerland as well as flower scenes from the city of Rochester of our own vicinity.

In the making of these pictures a new process of coloring was used which cost three million dollars to perfect. No brush or artificial coloring was used.

## Mr. Ackley Speaks

Mr. Ackley, former Y. M. C. A. secretary of Buffalo district who is now connected with the Student Volunteer movement, spoke in length to the faculty and student body of Houghton College Tuesday morning during chapel.

His topic was "Service." "Service is the test of greatness, the evidence of love and the basis of reward," said Mr. Ackley.

Immediately after chapel he met with the Student Volunteers of Houghton.

Gandhi says, "Unless men transform their wealth, they shall lose it."

## Alumni Home Coming Planned

### Extensive Program to Feature Annual Houghton Meeting

It will be of special interest to all former students and alumni of Houghton College to learn that from Friday evening, December eleventh, to Sunday evening, December thirteenth, there will occur an interesting home coming season in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Houghton alumni chapter. A full program is planned to make the event worthwhile. On Friday evening, December eleventh, will occur the singing of the Christmas Cantata: "The Coming of the King" by the College Chorus of one hundred fifty voices, conducted by Professor Alfred Kreckman. On Saturday morning opportunity will be given for visitation of college classes. A special alumni chapel will be held on this morning. Among other features of the chapel service will be special singing by the newly-formed A Cappella Choir of forty voices. From two o'clock to four-thirty, three basketball games will be played: a purple-gold alumni girls' game, a purple-gold alumni boys' game, followed by a varsity game. At five o'clock will occur the annual banquet of the Houghton Chapter in the new dining room of Gaoyadeo Hall. The college orchestra of twenty-seven pieces under the leadership of Professor Alton Cronk will give a concert on Saturday evening at eight o'clock. Sunday morning service will likewise be interesting and profitable. Alumni will assist in the singing with the sermon by Rev. John Wilcox, who will also preach in the evening service.

A most cordial invitation is extended to every former student and alumnus. The entertainment committee in canvassing the town have found lodging for about 125 people. Lodging will be free, but the committee must know by December seventh that you are coming. The banquet is within the reach of all—fifty cents. All former students and alumni are invited to the banquet. A special rate for meals at the dining room for all our visiting friends has been made at twenty-five cents per meal. No financial appeals will be made.

This is your opportunity, old Houghton students and alumni, to see your Alma Mater in action, chat with old friends and relive past days.

## Mersereau Speaks Friday

Those who attended chapel Friday morning, November twenty seventh heard Mr. Mersereau, professor in a technical school in Brooklyn, New York speak.

He based his speech on two points; "take advice from your elders" and "obey good impulses before you have time to think about them."

Mr. Mersereau and his wife came here to visit their daughter, Grace, who is a freshman in college.

## Christmas Chorus Coming Soon

Houghton will have one of the greatest musical events of the College year when the Christmas Chorus of more than 150 voices, under the leadership of Prof. Alfred Kreckman presents Dudley Buck's Christmas Cantata, "The Coming of the King" Friday evening, December the eleventh in the College Chapel.

The following soloists will be featured: Dora Waite, soprano; Edith Stearns, contralto; Owen Hess and Albert Roth, tenors; Fred Ebner and Lyle Donnelly, basses. Most of the soloists have demonstrated their fine abilities in previous programs in and outside of Houghton. Mr. Hess who came from Johnson City, New York, is in Houghton for his first year. The fact that he has been selected as soloist so early speaks well for his voice. We are looking forward to this event of the Christmas season with pleasurable anticipation.

## Rochester Alumni Hold Banquet

The Rochester chapter of the Houghton Alumni met at the Y. M. C. A. for their banquet, Friday evening, November the thirteenth. In spite of this handicap, a goodly number were present.

The Rev. John Wilcox presided. Speakers included: Prof. Stanley Wright, the Rev. Dean Bedford, and Paul A. Steese.

Prior to the speaking Ruth Zimmerman Steese sang a solo, accompanied at the piano by Betty Cambier. The group were also favored by a piano solo played by William Whitmarsh.

Officers of the active chapter are as follows: Rev. John Wilcox, president; Kent Williams, secretary and treasurer; Paul Steese, reporter for STAR.

## Miss Brockett Entertains Frosh

Miss Brockett, special friend and class advisor to the Freshmen, invited the class to a party on the well known "fourth floor". As each person came he was given a number ending with 1, 2, 3, or 4. The class was then divided into four groups according to numbers. Several races of great consequence were staged, and then movies were presented, after which came "eats."

The first contest was a race to see which group could dress and undress the quickest. Miss Brockett had evidently robbed somebody's clothes press to find enough old clothes, and what a fine ensemble they made! Especially when Bill Parry was compelled to put on some trousers which weren't long enough and Sick had to get into a vest that wasn't large enough!

Mr. Roy Brockett, father of Miss Brockett, presented some pictures of

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## Faculty Recital Appreciated

### Large Crowd Hears Concert by Profs. Kreckman & Cronk

Friday evening a large audience made its way to the College auditorium in anticipation of the first of a series of Faculty Recitals, this one consisting entirely of two piano music played by Professors Kreckman and Cronk. This series is an entirely new idea in Houghton, and is sponsored by the School of Music. The students of Houghton College should appreciate the fact that we have such self-sacrificing faculty members who in spite of their limited time, will work up, free of charge, whole programs for our enlightenment. Appreciation was shown to a great degree by the large attendance. However, that several lectures on courtesy are needed is evidenced by our public deportment at all concerts. An educated person is not necessarily one who comes to a concert primarily to associate or to gossip. That might better be done elsewhere; and also, others may be interested in the program.

At 8:15 the swinging doors were closed and immediately followed the invocation and a short introduction by President Luckey, Professors Kreckman and Cronk advanced to the piano amidst hearty applause by the audience. They were attended by Lyle Donnelly and Willard Smith, as page turners. During the first half of the program Mr. Kreckman was seated at the first piano with Mr. Cronk at the second. As the first group, all music students were glad to recognize two Bach compositions: "Bourée" and "Andante" from a minor Concerto. During the first few measures of "Bourée", we were made to realize that artists are human. A slight nervousness on the part of both caused indistinct accent and ragged tone on the start, but not for long. Soon they were playing in perfect accord. "Bourée" was necessarily mechanical. There was much greater opportunity for expression in "Andante" of which the artists took advantage. In fact, this was perhaps the best performed number with a possible exception of Saint-Saens "Variations". Each successive theme was distinctly predominate and expression and mechanics combined in a very pleasing product.

The second group, "Mountain Picture Suite", by Burleigh, consisted of a series of tone pictures very vividly portrayed. The first, "Crag and Cascade", and the last, "Avalanche" were thunderously descriptive while the others "Shepherd's Song" and "Distant Haze" were more melodious. "Shepherd's Song" was very light with ringing clearness while "Distant Haze" left the listener in a rather pensive mood. "Avalanche" was true to its name. Indeed, it was so terrific that it almost swept away our professors. The audience marveled, and wondered how two pianos could possibly keep to

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## Collegiate Sam Says:

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## SATISFACTION

A number of stores have adopted as their policy a courtesy toward their customers which is summed up in the guarantee, "Satisfaction or your money back."

We all, especially the women, enjoy having money to buy the thing we want. Deprived of this joy we substitute window shopping. The financial depression has caused a boom in window shopping, drives for money to aid the needy and a general feeling of comradeship. We're all in the same boat, and have come to realize more than ever perhaps our obligations to our fellowmen.

In North Tonawanda there are men and women hungry for the Bread of Life. We, by self-denial, can help them to a lasting happiness. Is it not in the joy of serving others that we find our greatest happiness? The originators of our self-denial drive for North Tonawanda might safely and wisely have guaranteed "satisfaction or your money back." For real self-denial leaves in its wake a feeling of satisfaction and happiness, pure in its source and rich in its effect upon the life of the one who denies himself.

"The Holy Supper is kept indeed,  
In whatso we share with another's need;  
Not what we give, but what we share,  
For the gift without the giver is bare;  
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three,  
Himself, his hungering neighbor, and me."

—"The Vision of Sir Launfal", Lowell.

—R. B.

## CRITICISM

One of the thrills of being an editor is found in the uncertainty as to whether the person who accosts one is about to land a body blow of harsh criticism or to pat one on the back with a compliment.

All of which is said to lead up to what is about to be said. We've been receiving criticism pro and con. We know the STAR isn't "remarkable," but if work means anything we hope to make it less "insipid."

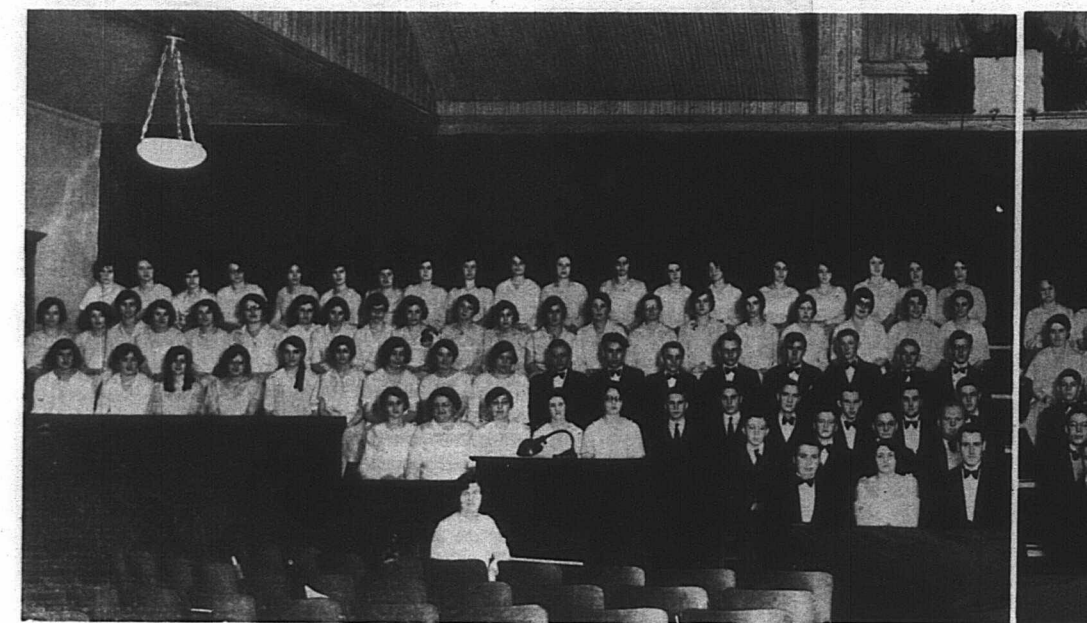
## ALUMNI

We thank the Alumni of the various chapters for their fine cooperation. We're looking forward to a couple of Alumni STARS.—R. B.

Kill two birds with one stone—help Tonawanda and free our halls of candy wrappers.

"He that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."

A Dutch engineer has constructed a bell only a eighth of an inch in height that can be heard ringing thirty yards away. One should be attacher to every collar stud.



December, 1930, Houghton College Chorus

## Alumni

The following alumni were here: Laura Steese, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Steese, John Kluzit, Mr. and Mrs. "Jim" Fiske, "Bob" Folger, Arthur Doty, Peg Loftis, Hugh Thomas, Bill Albro, Mr. and Mrs. "Tubby" Clark Alta Albro.

## Pittsburgh Alumni Meet

On Thursday evening, November nineteenth, thirteen persons gathered at the Rustic Lodge, just outside of Indiana, Pa., for the second annual meeting of the Pittsburgh chapter of the Houghton Alumni. It turned out to be an enjoyable evening, spent in feasting and typical Houghton banter. Professor Frank Wright was present as representative from the school and he ably forestalled any tendency for the conversation to lag.

After all had arrived and renewed acquaintanceships, we sat down to a splendid dinner of turkey, arranged by Eddie Williams, who insisted that he had bagged the bird that afternoon, but between you and me I did not believe his story. Upon the completion of the dinner Professor Wright was placed in charge of the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read or rather recalled by Jane Williams. There upon elections of new officers occurred, resulting in Eddie Williams becoming president, Mary Fero secretary and treasurer, and H. Fero Star Reporter. Following this Prof. Wright brought us the greetings of the College and addressed the gathering briefly! Throughout the evening various school songs were attempted. We adjourned with a feeling that Houghton College would go on to greater things and that her Alumni were gathering behind her in a mass to help her push forward.

Yours for Houghton,  
H. Fero.

## Ziegler Recital

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Fantasy, f minor	Chopin
Valse brillante, A flat	Chopin
Berceuse	Chopin
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 10	Liszt
Polonaise, f sharp minor	Chopin
Grand valse, A flat	Chopin
Mazurka	Chopin
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 11	Liszt
Polonaise, A flat	Chopin
Mazurka	Chopin
Nocturne, c minor	Chopin
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12	Liszt



Worth Cott spent the week-end with his parents here in Houghton.

Esther Burns entertained her sister over the week-end.

Miss Brockett entertained her sister over the week-end.

Miss Dorothy Blake has been ill for several days at the Hospital.

Mary Lytle has left school. We shall greatly miss her.

Prof. and Mrs. Douglas were at the basketball game Friday.

John Kluzit spent the week-end in Houghton.

Miss Lois Sweet went to her home in Mooers, N. Y. for the week-end.

Miss Bernice Davie and Dorothy Crouch spent the week-end at their homes in Oneonta.

Marjorie Dye and Edith Stearns spent the week-end at their homes in Ashville, N. Y.

Aura Matott accompanied Elizabeth MacFarlane to her home for the week-end.

Mr. Arlin and Miss Noss spent Thanksgiving Day at the home of Harold Elliott.

Gladys Davison and Mildred Lambertson spent Thanksgiving week-end at Vestal, New York, at Miss Davison's brothers.

## The Goops or Shakespeare On Manners

When goops go to a concert, Their conduct is a fright. They joke and laugh and whisper Their manners are a sight.

During each recital number, Goops' minds begin to roam. If they can't keep still and listen Why don't they stay at home?

They chew their gum so loudly, The whole audience can hear. Their seats they squawk, their mates they poke. So unmannerly, they are.

The other folks are so chagrined They don't know what to do. I certainly am very glad I'm not a goop—are you?

Stars shine brighter on those who brighten lives of others.

## Know Your Campus

In the last twenty-five years there have been many changes in the personnel of our faculty. \*During this time our student body has shown a very satisfactory increase in number. With these increasing numbers there has been of necessity a corresponding addition of buildings. But perhaps no change is more striking than that shown in the improvement of our campus.

At the time the college building and dormitory were completed, there were on the grounds few of the trees and shrubs that now beautify our campus. However, we then could boast of at least a dozen beautiful chestnut trees, the loss of which can never be replaced.

In the fall of 1908 there came to our school as professor of English, a man who was a lover of nature, Prof. H. R. Smith. He realized the possibilities of our campus and that year visited Cornell University where he made the acquaintance of the superintendent of grounds of the University. The following year this gentleman visited Prof. Smith and discussed landscaping plans for our campus. Shortly after that the spirea, which so adds to the beauty of our commencement season, was set out. The next year the gentleman from Cornell was present at our Arbor Day and assisted in the planting of native hemlocks around Gaoyadeo Hall and of the white pine between the college building and the dormitory. At later times both Prof. Curtis and Prof. Porter of the Botanical Department of Cornell have taken part in Houghton Arbor Days.

The Senior Classes of 1911 aided materially in making the campus what it is today. The two white birches between the high school and the gymnasium were the gift of the two college seniors; namely, Marold Hester and Edward Elliott. Many have been the vicissitudes of these trees. It was necessary to replace one twice. The other was all but destroyed as a young tree by a run-away team belonging to Prof. H. C. Bedford. Later it was decapitated by a windstorm. It bears the marks of both of these catastrophes. The theological seniors presented to their Alma Mater the beautiful blue spruce near Gaoyadeo Hall.

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New York City—The metropolis of America is soon to be the scene of another of those Yankee engineering feats. The New York Central Railroad, last week, purchased space through the Telephone building from a point 20 feet above the street to a point 56.5 feet up. The Railroad plans to build an aqueduct across the city. But the Telephone Building was in the way. So the R. R. merely purchased rights to build a place where their trains can go right through the building. The plans call for a sound-proof tunnel so that no whistle noises will get to the housewife's ear when she telephones her morning grocery list to the corner store.

Washington—There has been a fight in Washington, and it seems to be another of these all-in-vain quarrels. Representative Snell of Potsdam, N. Y. and Representative Tilson of Conn. have been arguing over who is to be the speaker of the House in the next Congress. Mr. Snell said "I shall be Speaker," while Mr. Tilson said, "No, no, Bert, I shall be Speaker." Then the Republicans voted and decided that Mr. Snell was right. And here is a case of a Speaker without a House. For the House is Democratic for the first time in 13 years. So it looks as though the right Mr. Snell is wrong.

London—The Pound is down but not out. Last week the English Sterling dropped 13½ cents all in one day. This is the lowest that English money has been since the government decided not to pay gold in redemption of the notes. But that means little. It will take only a few more Pounds to buy a few less pounds at the market and "better times are just around the corner."

Nantucket—Another Episode was written in Coast Guard history last week. Edward Amos a radio operator on a light ship received word that his mother was seriously ill. He applied for permission to go home to Franklin, Ind. It was granted but the seas were rough and slow going.

The destroyer Cummings was steaming for Brooklyn navy yard. She turned her course, picked up Amos and put full steam ahead. The ship arrived an hour too late for Amos to catch his train. So as army pilot waited in his plane to carry the son to his mother. As a car brought him to the airport he was notified that his mother had died. It was another story where the heroic attempts of man had lost in a race with death.

Do you watch the papers? If so you can answer these—

1. Who is Dino Grandi?
2. Why is the mayor of New York City appealing to the Governor of California?
3. Will Vice-Pres. Curtis attempt to be Vice-Pres. again or Senator from Kansas?
4. Who is General Mah?
5. Who is Premier of Great Britain?
6. What is the name of the French Premier who recently visited Pres. Hoover.
7. Where is Mahatma Gandhi now?
8. Who is Dr. Sze?
9. Who is the representative from America to the League of Nations Council?
10. Who is Congressman Garner?

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"My wife talks to herself, does yours?"

"Yes, but she doesn't realize it—she thinks I'm listening."

Host: Then you did get here tonight after all?

The typical Professor: Yes, I meant to forget to come but I forgot to forget it.

"Who is that stupid man I was just talking with?"

"That's my husband."

"Oh, pardon me, that's my mistake."

"No, it's mine."

"Have you read Georgie Simpleton's last book?"

"I hope so."

"Why did you divorce your husband, May?"

"Why, my dear, I couldn't hit a barn door with a pistol in a hundred years."

Rimer: I put all my mind into this poem.

Editor: So I see—it's blank verse isn't it?

The proprietor of the General Store noticed a woman complaining to one of his clerks. After she had left the store, he asked the clerk,

"What was she complaining about?"

"The long wait," explained the clerk.

"That's just it, you can't please some people. Only yesterday she was complaining of the short wait."

Shake your box. If it rattles, stuff it!



**With'er 4 - Kast**

Friday, Flaky humidity.  
Saturday, Probably followed by Sunday.

### Know Your Campus

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At this time there was launched a campus improvement campaign. Most of the white cedars, not over two feet high, were set out. Also there were added the white birches near the Moses home, as well as the Carolina poplars at the front of the campus.

During the summer of 1914, Prof. Smith visited Rev. H. W. Elliott of Vermont. He brought back with him from Rev. Elliott's farm several small shrubs which he set out on his own property and one white cedar which he placed near President Luckey's home. The one balsam tree which we possess was transplanted from Prof. Smith's grounds a few years ago.

Since 1924 the high school classes have done their bit in improving the campus. The ivy on the high school building is the gift of the senior of 1924, 1925 and 1925. The class of '27 added the barberry at the entrance to the building. The seniors of recent years have planted the small elms along the front of the campus.

Probably at least forty different species of trees and shrubs are on and about the campus, among which are elms, maples, cherry, butternut, beech, and birch. The hawthorne makes Lover's Lane a place of beauty in May. The smaller shrubs likewise have their place, mountain laurel, honeysuckle, viburnum, golden bell, and Japanese quince being some of these.

In a little more than twenty years much has been accomplished. But let us remember that most of this was visualized by Prof. Smith. Mrs. Smith, our present Superintendent of Grounds, worked hand in hand with him and much of what has been done in later years is due to her efforts.

### Faculty Recital

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gether in such a billow of tones. They wondered still more when they saw each of the two musicians glancing desperately at the other's hands. Yes, they were lost; their faces revealed the fact which would not otherwise have been noticed by more than a few. But common sense and rhythm kept them going until they found themselves, thence sweeping madly but surely to a final close.

The first half of the program was effectively climaxed by Moussorgsky's "Coronation Scene from Boris Godounoff." In the distance could be heard this procession of the joyous company. Nearer and nearer they came until they were at hand. Then a bit of calm yet stately music for the coronation followed by gay and glorious festivity.

The entrance of the artists after the intermission was very enthusiastically applauded. At this time, Mr. Cronk took first piano with Mr. Kreckman at second. The next two groups were short and not very impressive. The four Waltzes by Brahms were pretty but might have evidenced a greater amount of expression. Grainger's "Two Musical Relics of my Mother" were delightful and relaxing, but too mechanically rendered.

By far the most intense and powerful number on the program was the

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final "Variations on a Theme by Beethoven" by Saint-Saens. It was interesting to study the different variations but rather difficult to follow through all of the theme. This, however, is no discredit to the way it was rendered. Especially interesting were the Presto legerissimo, Alle Marcia funebre, Allegro-fugue and the final Presto. The whole arrangement began quietly and worked steadily and increasingly to a powerful climax. Expression was given special attention by the interpreters. The last chord was struck vigorously and died away. Then broke forth a tumultuous storm of applause.

Those who had attended out of sole desire to go somewhere, no doubt considered the program too heavy, but the majority had enjoyed an evening of real cultural entertainment such as Houghton needs.

### Frosh Entertained

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the Irving Air Chute. Mr. Irving, the man who holds the patent on the Irving Air Chute, is a very close friend of Mr. Brockett; and through this friendship, which was begun in college days, Mr. Brockett was able to go abroad. The first pictures which were shown were of men taking parachute jumps, and the other pictures were those taken by Mr. Brockett himself on his trip through England and Europe.

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After the very interesting and instructive pictures came Eskimo pies and cookies, and lots of them! Jeannette Brockett, Miss Brockett's flashing second, took the cookies as waitress in more ways than one. Professor and Mrs. Bain as chaperons are to be complimented, especially Prof. Bain, who was able to restore the electrical current to its usual flow. Three cheers for the math. teacher!

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Dear Editor: I feel that it is opportune for me to say a few words in appreciation of what Houghton Seminary has meant to me through the years since I was privileged to spend some time in training within her halls. The position of the building has been changed, and all that I knew as a student there has passed away, so far as the material arrangements are concerned. But the buildings and campus are but a small part of any College. They seem to be quite a necessity, and without some thing in that line one could not well go to school, but the character of the teachers, the morale of the student body, the spirit of the institution, the surroundings of spiritual devotion the moral atmosphere of its activities the consecration of the faithful supporters which made the school a possibility, all these have lingered in the heart and mind of the writer.

Through the years of active service for the church since June 1904, when I finished the short course which I was able to enjoy in Houghton, I have been constantly reminded by personal contact and memory that Houghton has done much for the cause of God and righteousness. No department of the church fails to number men and women who at some time received instruction and inspiration from the spirit and force of Houghton. Now that her equipment has been so splendidly enlarged, and her advantages so greatly broadened surely the days of the future will receive a large imprint from the men and women who enjoy her fellowships and are stirred by her devotion. Outside the ministry of the Gospel no one thing means so much to a young person's life as the clean



The recent death of Edison has resulted, as might be expected, in an increased interest in his work. To meet this demand we have added to the material we already have, a biography of the great inventor by G. S. Bryan. This book, "Edison, the Man and his Work," differs from other books about him in having explanations of his inventions simple enough for general readers, yet giving accurate information to the student. The appendix contains a chronological table of the inventions, several pages of amusing incidents, a good character sketch, and other very worthwhile features.

"Count Von Luckner, the Sea-Devil," by Lowell Thomas, needs no introduction. Those boys who recently heard him lecture at Colgate University could not wait to be officially notified of the presence of the book in the library, but have been reading it from the time it was unpacked.

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